



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Chhedi L. Verma et al.  
Serial No.: 09/659,428 Art Unit: 2765  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRESENTING PRICE  
COMPARISON TO PROSPECTIVE BUYERS  
Examiner: Susanna M. Diaz

March 21, 2005

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**AMENDMENT**

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**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 21, 2004 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on December 21, 2004.

Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224.

Applicants further respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows:

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said at least one of a plurality of processors operative with said program to use said search key to retrieve said data from said at least one of a plurality of storage devices;

said at least one of a plurality of processors operative with said program to present at least one of a plurality of records that shows said comparison to said prospective buyer.

42.(cancelled) The apparatus of claim 37, in which said at least one of a plurality of processors are further operative with said program to check inventory at a local store of a merchant upon request of said prospective buyer to determine the availability of a chosen product, and further reserve said chosen product at said local store for pickup after determining availability has been performed satisfactorily.

43.(cancelled) The apparatus of claim 38, in which said at least one of a plurality of processors are further operative with said program to receive a registration token or a credit card number from said prospective buyer to purchase said chosen product, accepting said registration token or credit card number by said merchant, guaranteeing a purchase by said merchant based on the acceptance of said registration token or credit card number by said merchant

44. (cancelled)

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